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Senior Interview

by Frank Twarog

Since the return from the Christmas holidays each of the senior class members has met individually with St. Michael's spiritual advisor, Father Nelson Ziter.

These interviews, each lasting about 20 minutes, were aimed not only at the spiritual affairs of the students, but also at any other problems which they might have in the fields of future studies or work.

It must be admitted that many of the students were a bit wary after first receiving their appointments with Father but almost instantly his outgoing personality put even the most wary student at ease.

After talking with many of the students who have already spoken to Fr. Ziter, it is easy to see that they all thought that it was a worthwhile meeting and that they personally gained by it.

One point which should be mentioned is that Father was not the only one giving advice. He himself

asked each of the students about his opinions concerning the new spiritual program. That it was possible for many seniors to ex-



Father Ziter, Spiritual Director

press their opinions on a subject which is very important part of the campus life.

The change in many of the spiritual functions on campus this year is quite evident and if each student would do his best to participate in the new program, everyone would benefit by it.

Another Prof Goes

Mr. Thomas Fennell, instructor in physical sciences at St. Michael's College has accepted a position as design engineer for the components division of the IBM Corporation in Essex Junction, Vermont.

Through the kind permission of the administration and the cooperation of his students, Mr. Fennell will assume his new position on February 1.

In addition to his work at IBM, Mr. Fennell will continue to teach at St. Michael's for the remainder of the school year. To make this possible, University physics classes have been rescheduled. University physics will now meet on Saturday morning and twice at night during the week.

Engineering drawing classes will continue to meet as scheduled. Mr. Norberg of the physical science department has consent-

ed to conduct college physics classes for Mr. Fennell.

A graduate of Manhattan Col-



Mr. Thomas Fennell

lege, New York, N.Y., Mr. Fennell has taught at St. Michael's College for nearly six years.

K C Gets Award

Patrick Curtin, Grand Knight of the Father John Verret Council announced that the campus Knights have received the highest award given by the Knights of Columbus, "THE STAR COUNCIL AWARD", for their achievements in their sixpoint program.

This award is on a yearly basis and marks the first time since the council was started that it has so been recognized for its accomplishments.

In order to qualify for this award, a council must show that they have successfully completed four major activities under each of the six activity committees of the council.

These committees include: fraternal, council, youth, public-

ty, Catholic, and membership. The head of each committee is responsible for completing his required activities and the six point chairman is in charge of organizing the complete program.

During the 1960-61 year only three councils in the state were honored with this award.

At present, the Verret Council is ranked near the top among the other 30 college councils in the U.S. and soon hopes to depose the current leaders, Notre Dame of Indiana.

Any student wishing to join a most active organization on campus will have the opportunity to do so during the next membership drive starting February 1.

Jesuit to Talk Birth Control

by Michael Dudley

Chairman of the Student Forum, William C. Donahue, has announced that a lecture on "Birth Control" will be given by Rev. Thomas J. O'Donnell, S.J., on Jan. 29 at 8 p.m.

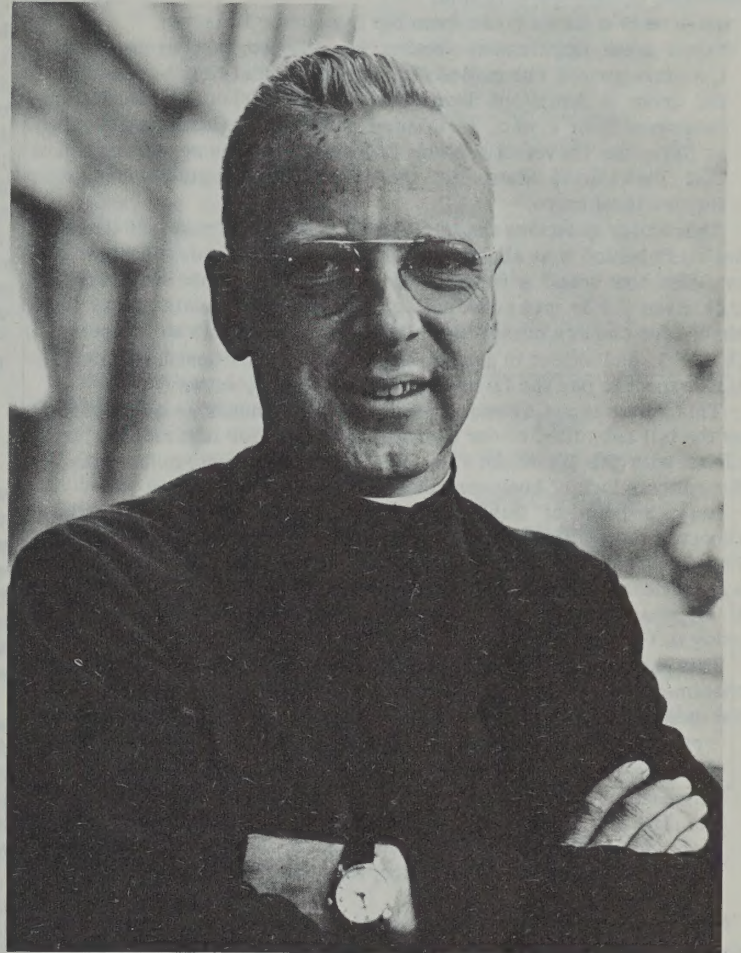
Father O'Donnell is the professor of Medical Ethics at Georgetown University Medical School and has served as regent there since 1953. He has also held a similar post at the Georgetown Hospital and the Georgetown Nursing School.

The author of "Morals in Medicine", Father O'Donnell is widely known for his numerous magazine articles and reviews.

He is a native of Baltimore, Md., and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgetown University in 1943. In 1944 he obtained his Licentiate in Philosophy and his Master of Arts from Woodstock College. He received his Baccalaureate in Theology from Woodstock in 1951.

During the past year Rev. O'Donnell served as vice-president of the National Society for Medical Research and has been consultant to the National Institutes of Health.

Following the free public lecture will be a reception and an informal question period which will be held in Alliot Hall. Refreshments will be served.



Rev. Thomas J. O'Donnell, S.J.

English Prog. Graduates 48

by Jack M. Howe

The present session of the English for Foreign Students Program is drawing to a close with the commencement exercises scheduled for January 26. Seventeen foreign countries were represented by 48 young men from various parts of the world during the last few months at St. Michael's College.

The curriculum consists of four basic levels of English instruction, depending upon how much English the student had before coming to the U.S. The courses range from Elementary

English to Elementary College English.

During their stay the students had two dances and partook in other extracurricular activities.

While the rest of us were home at Christmas, the foreign students were not so fortunate. In view of this fact, some of the regular students invited some of them home for the holidays.

During the session the academic achievement of the students has been good, thus enabling them to go on to higher education in the colleges and universities of the U.S.

The new class of foreign students, which is composed of 64 students to date, will begin on March 22, and end June 2. They will have the same academic schedule of 10 hours of class and 5 hours of language lab a week. Eleven countries will be represented and these students will participate in similar extracurricular activities. These activities have been proven worthwhile because of the beneficial effects they have produced for both the American and foreign students.

SMC Students Swim & Ski

by Don Riley

What did our foreign students do over the Christmas holidays? What do they think of our way of celebrating Christmas?

Approximately half of the foreign students went home for Christmas. "Home", in their cases, was not a mere eight-hour drive away, however. Many of them spent three or four days on board a Caribbean or South American cruise ship, winding their way slowly to such places as Venezuela, Panama, Guatemala, Colombia, Brazil, Argentina, The Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. Others took the faster plane, and it was still a matter of 10 to 17 hours. For those who could not, or just did not, get home, the United States

and Canada offered a variety of things to do and places to see.

Our foreign students visited cities from Tampa to Ottawa, from New York to Pittsburgh. Some traveled by themselves, some with their families, and others with American friends.

Their interests in America varied widely. One spent his entire vacation between the department stores in mid-town Manhattan and the Coffee Shops of Greenwich Village. Another acquaintance spent two weeks skiing at Stowe. One Latin American boy spent his vacation with a friend in Montreal.

Most of the students spent their vacations quietly enough in New York City, however, celebrating the birth of Christ in the manner

traditional to their own countries. When asked for their opinions on Christmas in this country, they gave these comments:

(The most frequent) - "Christmas in this country is too commercial."

"It is not too different from Christmas in my country. We too have the great shopping and hurrying back and forth, but in our country people are not so grim about it as they are in this country."

"The people in my city are more festive about Christmas and the Epiphany than they are here. But they many times overdo it. They have too many parties and fiestas."

QUEST COMING TUESDAY.

THE EDITOR'S NOTES

The editor's desk is usually flooded with material from various sources who wish their theories expounded in print on college campuses. Previously, this editor has declined to use such information for the reason that much of the material was of little or no interest to the average Michaelman in view of more pertinent campus news. However, some recent events have been of more than passing interest. Here are some of these events:

The NATIONAL REVIEW, of December 16, lists the following members of the current administration as supporting entrance of Communist China into the United Nations: Chester Bowles, Thomas Finletter, Orville Freeman, J. Kenneth Galbraith, Arthur Goldberg, Abraham Ribicoff, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Ted Sorensen, Adlai Stevenson, G. Mennen Williams.

And here is a direct quote from the December 16 issue: "One State Department faction is still working to have all U.S. foreign aid channelled through the United Nations. Behind the drive is Assistant Secretary of State Harlan Cleveland - a Stevenson man - who, as Dean of the Maxwell Graduate School at Syracuse University, some time ago signed a report urging that the United States let the UN handle its giveaways and international loans."

This editor questions the intelligence behind this move, if there is any truth behind it at all. And speaking of the U.N., this editor wonders just how sound a financial investment is the bond issue for the U.N. Even if it is not a sound policy, is it even a calculated risk? Why should our country borrow \$100,000,000 at our going rate of interest (3 1/4%), and expect to get only 2% in return? And just how does the U.N. expect to pay the face value of these bonds, anyway?

This editor is not a business major, but this sounds as questionable as the bill submitted to our own Student Forum for last month's coalition with the Winooski Fire Department. However, it just may be the editor's lack of business acumen.

Another point of interest that reached the editor's desk was a report of the activities of the Social Action Secretariat of the NFCCS. This report is very enlightening about the activities of Catholic College students and their role in integration. The story presented is not at all what we hear and see in the various media of communication today in Vermont.

This editor is certain, that as students in a Catholic college, Michaelmen desire integration. However, there are various aspects of the methods used that bewilder this editor. Here is one of them:

The State Department reported on August 18 that it was moving to hire more Negroes for the diplomatic service. A recommendation, prompted by the colored applicants' high percentage of failures on the last qualifying exam, that the Department advise predominantly Negro colleges on how to prepare students better for foreign service, followed. NFCCS NEWS

Now, if all people, regardless of race, religion, etc., are to have equality of opportunity, where do actions of this type fit in? First, this is government assistance to a problem that basically, people must work out for themselves.


Second, is this recommendation fair to the white students?

Third, wouldn't it be better for the exam to be given with no race being stipulated on any form, and then marked according to merit, regardless of race?

Fourth, which is better for our country's interest, qualified people of any race who make a better America for all, regardless of color, or races first and the country's welfare second? This editor is a little bewildered by this trend in America. It would seem that we are putting the cart before the horse, excuse the cliché!

Now students, do not assume, on the strength of this article, that this editor is pro-conservative, pro-Buckley, pro-National Review, pro-segregation, anti-Democrat, anti-U.N., etc. I am not!

But if we are to shun all information that comes from sources that we, as individuals, are not completely in favor of, then we become prejudiced ourselves and limit our rational powers. Satis.



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Ass't. Editor Gives Report On Kennedy's Talk

by Paul B. Simmons
In his one hour, 6000 word State of the Union message to Congress last week, President Kennedy, giving domestic issues equal emphasis with foreign affairs problems, outlined his overall objectives for the coming year.

In his confident speech, Mr. Kennedy outlined 34 legislative requests which he aims to push through this session of the 87th Congress. Notable among the lengthy list were his \$3 billion Latin American Alliance for Progress proposals, legislation to underwrite the \$200 million U.N. bond issue, stand-by authority for the President to make temporary, on-the-spot tax cuts to combat recessions, a five year Trade Extension Act with increased presidential tariff-cutting authority, and a new public welfare program emphasizing "rehabilitation rather than relief".

A NEW OUTLOOK

President Kennedy's message was strikingly different from last year's - this one stressing what we in the West can do rather than what our enemies are doing. And the President's outlook is brighter now than it was last year on such questions as Berlin, Cuba and the nation's economy.

It is the President's feeling now that the possibility of a Soviet miscalculation on our attitude and intentions toward Berlin is remote. He is also optimistic about an easing of tensions in S.E. Asia.

The President also restated his belief in the U.N. as a helpful tool and our main hope for world peace. On the subject of the current anti-U.N. sentiment among some political groups, Mr. Kennedy said: "But arms alone are not enough to keep the peace. It must be kept by men. Our instrument and our hope is the United Nations, and I see little merit in the impatience of those who would abandon this imperfect world instrument because they dislike our imperfect world."

NEW AID FOR TRADE

In regard to our economy, Mr. Kennedy remarked that world confidence in the dollar has been restored. But, observing that the growth of the European Common Market is the "greatest challenge" to the nation's economy, the President requested once again that Congress give him the broad authority he seeks to implement sweeping tariff cuts. With this power, President Kennedy feels the U.S. would be in a strong bargaining position and thus be able to combat potential overseas market losses for our industrial and agricultural production. Mindful of protectionist opposition to his plans, Mr. Ken-

BUSINESS . . .

by Paul B. Simmons

REVIEW AND PREVIEW

In spite of the 17,000 business failures which set a 28 year high for the nation, 1961 was a good year for the business world. The stock market registered the second largest gain for any year in its history with the Big Board listings climbing 23% to a dollar value increase of \$70 billion.

On the other hand, rural America didn't fare so well as her industrial neighbor. Despite a billion dollar increase in income for the food producers, the prices paid by farmers for consumer goods also rose leaving them very little more than they had last year.

MORE ULCERS FOR THE AVENUE

On Madison Avenue, the post-recession recovery was slow for the advertising trade making 1961's \$11.9 billion little better than 1960's business. A further note on the advertising trade; since 1950 there has been a gradual paring of their profit margin from an approximate 6% of gross business to about half of that for the past two years. In a move to combat this trend, Madison Avenue agencies have been establishing branch offices in European countries at a fast rate (six in the last quarter of 1961 alone) hoping to cash in on the blossoming Continental economy.

In the realm of small business, 1961 saw the foundations being laid for 270 more small business investment companies which brought the total number of such concerns to 445 whose combined capital approaches a half billion dollars. This, coupled with increased interest on the part of private investors, assures the small businessman a ready supply of cash for the anticipated small-business expansion boom in 1962.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS: UP AND DOWN

In foreign trade, U.S. exports rose a half billion dollars in value to a record \$20 billion while imports registered a \$200 million drop to \$15 billion from the record set during the 1959 recession. Although these figures may appear promising, the increased competition from the Common Market bears future ill-tidings for the American economy - a subject to be treated in a future column.

1961 saw steel production drop by over a million tons - due primarily to increased competition from other metals as well as increased imports of scrap iron and durables. But steel output for the first half of 1962 should approach the record six month volume of 64 million tons set during the first half of 1959 when the last steel strike was in the offing. This year, steel producers have until June 30 to stockpile their wares against a highly probable industry-wide strike. This strike, and many others related to it, should set a nation-wide pattern for shorter hours - higher pay negotiations - a result of labor's fear of the devastating effects of the current automation boom. This too will be the subject of a future column.

INCOME AND PURCHASING: UP AND UP

Finally, a long-awaited revival of consumer purchasing came in the last quarter of 1961 as unemployment fell to 6.1% and personal income hit a peak rate of \$430 billion. This promises a booming first half for 1962 in personal expenditures - a rise which should help bring about the expected 8% leap in the Gross National Product to a record breaking \$570 billion.

<p>nedy stressed that his Trade Extension Act proposal is designed "with great care to make certain that its benefits to our people far out-weigh any risks."</p> <p>MORE PROPOSALS</p> <p>Other points covered in this year's message included proposals for increased salaries for federal employees, reorganization of the nation's military establishment, a new cabinet-level Department of Urban Affairs and Housing, and a new fight for the Medical Care and Aid to Education bills which met defeat last summer.</p> <p>Also on this year's agenda will</p>	<p>be bills dealing with aid to medical schools, a tightening-up of the food and drug laws, an increase in postal rates, an attack on "adult illiteracy" and a new farm bill "designed to prevent chaos in the Sixties with a program of common sense".</p> <p>As for the President's prospects for moving his proposals through the House and into the law books, the opinion is divided. Most, however, agree that the conservative element in both the House and the Senate has sufficient strength to force compromises on the majority of his bills, particularly those dealing with welfare and foreign trade.</p>
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Freshman Leader Seeks Suggestions

by Bill Troy
On December 7, 1961, the Freshman Class voted and elected the men whom they considered to be best qualified to represent the Class of '65 in their first year at St. Mike's.

Louis Rosato was elected to the office of president and Edward "Mike" Bergin picked for vice-president. The secretary and treasurer selections were Larry Lagrotteria and Bob Brennan, respectively.

The men elected as representatives to the Student Forum are:

Frank Lytle, Jack Cassela, Dom Erba, Tom Hickey, and Pete Newsham.

A large number of voters showed up at the polls to cast their ballots for their favorite candidates. Two hundred and twenty, out of 303 voted, which figures out to 73% of the entire Freshman Class.

Two sidelights to the election might be interesting to note. The "Liberal Party" made an almost clean sweep by having seven out of its nine candidates elected to

office. Another is that in almost all the categories, the race was very close right up to the end.

President Rosato emphasized two points. The first is that the class officers intend to work diligently towards the unity of the Freshman Class, thereby making it a better class.

The second and most important is that any officer is always open for suggestions. Instead of grumbling to the next guy about a personal peeve, he said, let your representatives know about it.

SPORTLIGHT

by James M. White

Question - Do you agree with the F.C.A.C. ruling banning summer leagues?

I believe that the E.C.A.C. has made a grievous error in banning summer league competition. I believe that in the long run, the cessation of summer leagues will detract from the quality of collegiate basketball. It is an acknowledged fact that many of the fine players now in college have added to their skills by participating in summer league competition.

Another point - will this make any difference to any gambler? It has been pointed out in the investigation of the scandal that a great majority of the players involved were contacted while at their respective campuses. This can be seen to be true by looking at the players involved at N.U.U., U. CONN, University of Iowa, and St. Joseph's of Philadelphia - all were contacted on campus.

But what has already been done cannot be rectified. The ruling must be obeyed whatever the cost. But let me ask this - because a few men have seen fit to betray their teammates, it is necessary to make college basketball and the varsity athlete suffer?

The reason why the E.C.A. has handed down their decision prohibiting college basketball players from playing in summer leagues is, very simply, the "basketball fixes". The recent outbreak of "fixed" games has sent the officials scurrying in different directions in an effort to find out why.

It was this board's considered opinion that most college stars are being contacted while playing ball in summer leagues. This may be true but, in my opinion, even if they eliminate this possibility, the gamblers will still find some way to reach the players. If a college star will stoop to accepting bribes he will do it, no matter where he is contacted.

I believe that it is unfair to all the honest basketball players, who need this summer basketball to keep in shape and for experience, to be punished by this rule. This ruling will not only hurt the game of basketball but also take interest away from the sport.

It is my conviction that the E.C.A.C. and the N.C.A.A. are guilty of a miscarriage of justice. These two organizations, seemingly in an effort to salvage some prestige for collegiate basketball and for themselves, have banned summer league competition for collegiate athletes. Is this going to help save basketball on the college level - No! The things, in my mind, that will save the sport are:

- 1 - The continued high level of play.
- 2 - Public interest which through the press has still remained high despite the recent scandal.

I feel that the ruling on summer league competition will only serve to harm more than help college basketball. Why punish all for the sins of a few?

Juniors Lead In Second Half Race, Seniors Hold Second, Frosh Third

by Bob Etherson

At the end of the Christmas vacation, the St. Michael's College gym became the setting for many unexpected events in regard to the resumption of the inter-class basketball league. There were many upsets and unexpected events last week to keep interest in the league at a high level.

On Monday, the first game of the second half took place between the winless Freshman team of the first half and the second place Sophs of the first half. This game was won by the Freshman by way of an upset and an unexpected score of 65 to 40.

The 65 points scored by the Freshman was the league high for the year. Leading the Freshman in the scoring department was Fred Rescigno with 7 field goals and 3 foul shots for a total and game high of 17 points. Joe Kliminski and Jim Goodrow also hit in double figures for the winners with 15 and 13 points respectfully. These three as well as scoring also controlled both backboards.

The Sophs finally woke up with four minutes left to play in the game and cut the Frosh lead from 32 to 25 points before the final buzzer rang. Leading the Sophs was Chuck Rogers with 15 points, but he received little of no aid from his teammates who were completely overwhelmed by the Freshman defense and hustle.

In the second game of the week the Freshman, although they are

playing much better ball now than at the beginning of the season, experienced Senior club who won a squeaker of a game 59 to 55. Brian Mallon and Chico Belanger doing the rebounding and both of them doing the scoring the Freshman were having too hard a time overcoming such opposition. For the losers Jim Goodrow and Joe Bellino had 16 and 13 points respectfully.

In the third game of the week the Juniors killed the Seniors by a score of 39 to 24. How the Seniors can be so good one night and so bad the next night is beyond most. Behind Dick Powers with 14 points, the Juniors had no trouble in holding the opposition to the low scoring that they did. No Senior hit in double figures, which is pretty amazing since all the players on the Senior team are good ball players.

In the final game of the week, the Freshman dropped their second straight game of the second half, after an initial win, to the Juniors 43 to 41. This was one of the wierdest games of the week.

A technical foul was called on the Juniors' coach Bob Hoehl by referee Bob Etherson for yelling from the bench.

The second mixup was that at the end of regulation time the scorer informed all the score was tied at 41 all and than an overtime period would have to be played.

With both teams on the floor ready to begin the overtime period, the scorer yelled to stop everything, that he had made a mistake in addition and that the Juniors won by a score of 43-41.

The Freshman, dejectedly walked off the floor with many doubts in their mind. Powers led the Juniors with 15 points followed by O'Neill with 11. For the Freshman, Rescigno had 14 and Goodrow and Kliminski had 10 points each.

Second Half Standings
as of Sunday, Jan. 14th.

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Juniors	2	0
* Seniors	1	1
Freshman	1	2
Sophs	0	1

* Winners of First Half

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Word has reached the campus that St. Michael's College has placed one of its players on the weekly All-East small college team. Walt Baumann, a 6 ft. 4 inch, 195 pound forward has been honored for his outstanding performance in the St. Michael's - Merrimack game.

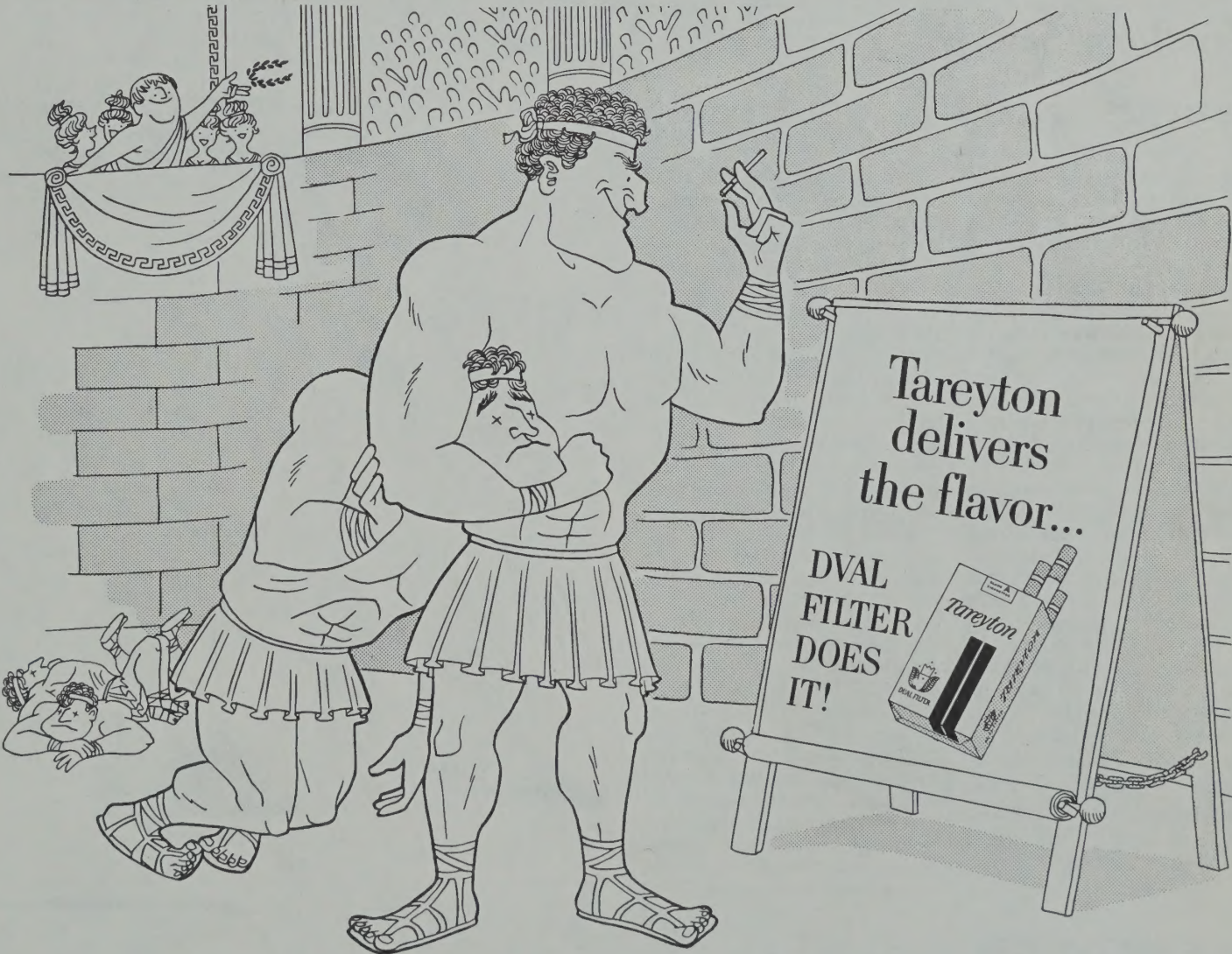
Baumann gave the Knights a big boost in their 91-60 win over the Warriors. Walt scored 26 points to lead all scorers and pulled down close to twenty rebounds. Baumann is a twenty-two year old junior from Secaucus, New Jersey. He played his high school ball at Demarest High School. As a sophomore, he alternated between a starting and reserve role but has been promoted to a full time starting role this year. He has really come into his own this year. He is averaging a shade under 15 points a game and has played important roles in the Knight's attack this season. Walt's best outbursts this season have been 23 points against Philadelphia Textiles, 17 against Steubenville and his season high of 26 points against Merrimack College. He is rebounding at better than a 10 per game clip.

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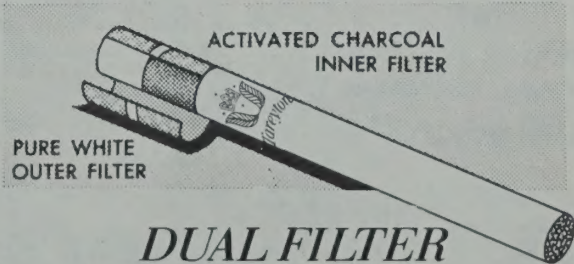


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